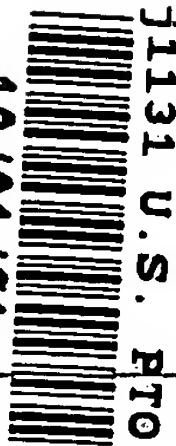
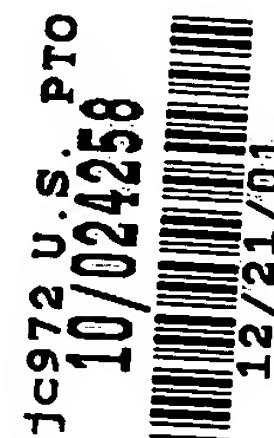




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We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. Application- 43 pages, including 4 independent claims and 31 claims total.
2. Drawings- 2 sheets of drawings containing 2 Figures.
3. Certified copy of German Application No. 100 64 827.4, filed December 22, 2000.
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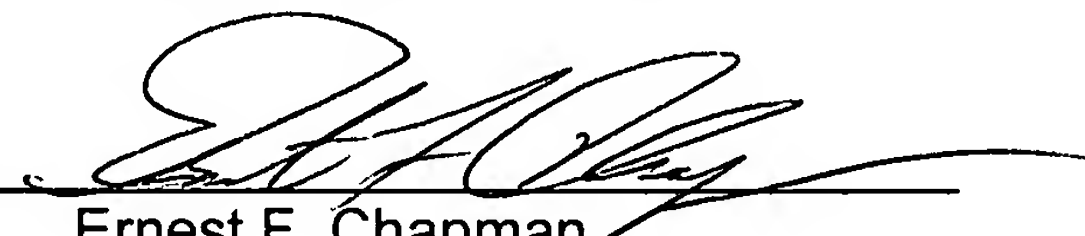
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